

Invitation to attend the 19th Batch Fisheries Observer Training Course from May 5 to June 6, 2019

The BFAR-NMFDC will be conducting the 19th Batch Fisheries Observer Training course from May 5 to June 6, 2019 at the BFAR MCS Station and Fishing Technology Laboratory, Navotas City. There will be a total of 30 participants to which 15 slots is allocated to BFAR personnel and 15 slots coming from the academe shall be trained as fisheries observers. Participants must be a BS Fisheries, Marine Biology graduate and other related sciences. Meals and lodging for the entire duration of the training is free while transportation (from home point and to Navotas City and vice versa) and other expenses shall be borne by the trainee.

The successful trainees shall be certified fisheries observer by BFAR and subsequently requested to be authorized by the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission to be part of the Regional Fisheries Observer Programme. Fisheries Observers shall be deployed to purse seine/ring net and longline commercial fishing vessels operating within the Philippine 200 mile EEZ and the high seas. They will be tasked to collect necessary information for the monitoring, assessment and enforcement activities required to implement an ecosystem-based approach to fisheries management. They will record important scientific information on target catch, non-target catch (including incidental catch of seabirds, marine mammals and turtles), and discards. If deployed, Observers shall be paid by the vessel owner an Observer Fee of (ranging from Php 1,000 to 1,200/day if deployed within national waters; and USD 40/day if deployed in the high seas and other countries EEZ) to be paid to the FOP Observer upon deployment to the vessel which will commence on the scheduled port departure date and arrival of the vessel. The WCPFC have implemented a 100% observer coverage since 2010 and complementary measures shall be adopted by the country - a good job opportunity for graduates of the training.

Interested applicants must send their Letter of Intent and Curriculum Vitae or Resume at recruitment.pfop@gmail.com not later than **April 8, 2019**. Applicants shall be screened and contacted by email and mobile phone. For inquiries you may contact Mr. Marlo B. Demo-os or Ms. Angelie Borrás at 0999-884-7631.